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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON  
SINGLE CRYSTAL

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated April 1, 2003,  
with the time for reply having been extended for 2 months from  
JULY 1, 2003 until SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this document.

Remarks being on Page 7 of this document.